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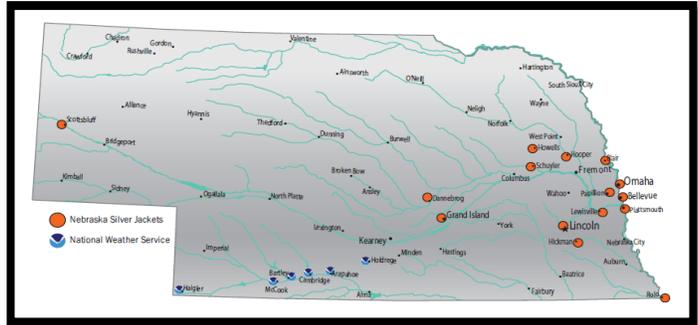
Historical Highwater Mark Sign Project

Partners: USACE, NDNR, FEMA, NWS, USGS, Nebraska Historical Society

ACTIVITIES:

2015 High Water Mark Signs – Created signs and surveyed elevations for reference lines.

2016 Online Story Map – Will provide online story map of historic flood photos and location specific information to be connected with the High Water Mark Signs.



(Aksarben Stadium historical flood photo)

PROBLEM AND NEED:

Damaging flood events continue to occur annually, causing loss of life, high financial damages to public buildings, critical facilities, and residential, commercial, and industrial centers. Nebraska Silver Jackets has created high water mark signs to be placed in public areas. These signs will create a sense of familiarity and recognition in the public by sharing personal and relevant stories that people can connect with and bringing the severity of potential floods into perspective.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

Historical Marker signs are being developed for Plattsmouth, Omaha, Hickman, Lincoln, Grand Island, Louisville, Scottsbluff, Howells, Hooper, Dannebrog, and Schuyler, Nebraska. The signs have information on historic flooding in that area, reference lines for base flood elevations, and recent 2011 flood information where applicable. A link is included on the sign which directs the public to more location specific information and an interactive map.

PLATTSMOUTH FLOODING

July 11, 1907

On this day, Edward Grassman was killed in an explosion at the Boeck Building in Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Built in 1886, the brick building had flooded during the previous night's rainstorm. Grassman lit a match to investigate the damages, which ignited a build-up of gas in the basement and caused the explosion.

Flooding doesn't have to occur on the river. Heavy rainfall and flash flooding can damage basements and foundations leaving costly repairs.

To learn more and view photos detailing Plattsmouth's flood history and how you can protect your family visit: floods.dnr.nebraska.gov



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Silver Jackets brings together federal, state, and local agencies to collaborate in reducing flood risk

HISTORICAL MARKER

